



4 RISING TO THE REFUGEE CHALLENGE

- Fund an adequate safety net for all asylum seekers and implement a fairer process for all affected by the unjust fast track process
- Resettle all people still subject to offshore processing and move people held in PNG and Nauru to Australia while they await resettlement
- Increase the annual humanitarian intake to at least 27,000 by 2027-28, reform the family reunion program and increase the community support program to 10,000 (making it additional).

The encounter with the migrant, as with every brother and sister in need, is also an encounter with Christ.

Pope Francis



Frédéric Ozanam (1813-53)
founder of St Vincent de Paul Society

St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia acknowledges the traditional custodians of country throughout Australia; recognises their continuing connection to land, waters and culture and community; and pays its respect to elders past, present and emerging.

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SUPPORTING A SAFETY NET FOR ALL AUSTRALIANS

- Increase the base rate of working age payments to lift recipients out of poverty
- Index income support payments biannually in line with wage growth or CPI
- Increase the earnings threshold of income support recipients by \$150 a fortnight (to \$300)
- Increase access to medical bulk billing services
- Increase the base rate of family and domestic violence payments
- Implement the Select Committee’s Final Report on Workforce Australia Employment Services (November 2023), especially to assist the underemployed and the long-term unemployed.



HOUSING SECURITY ACROSS THE COUNTRY

- Recognise housing as a human right and legislate the National Housing and Homelessness Plan
- Double the Housing Australia Future Fund
- Reform taxes to incentivise the use of long-term vacant residential properties and land
- Increase needs-based funding of homelessness services and permanent supportive housing including client-led support services
- Increase funding of Commonwealth Rent Assistance and review the program
- Fund and implement policies that improve energy efficiency in low-income households
- Support private market and institutional incentives to increase affordable housing
- Fund and legislate the implementation of national minimum standards for renters (A better deal for renters)
- Reduce the capital gains tax discount on investment property (from 50 per cent to 37.5 per cent) and review negative gearing.



MEETING THE NEEDS OF FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES

- Provide Commonwealth leadership to progress the Uluru Statement from the Heart agenda
- Fund and commit to full implementation of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap targets, particularly bringing its Priority Reforms to life by all Australian governments
- Raise the age of criminal responsibility from 10 to 14 years of age
- Fund and increase community-led programs and services that support justice reinvestment and keep children safe.

Our Aspiration is for an Australia transformed by compassion and built on justice.

The Rule,
the Society’s guiding document.

